

KDHE Assists with Child Advocacy Day in Topeka

Five hundred child advocates from across the state gathered in Topeka on Feb. 22 for the 7th annual Child Advocacy Day conference. The event featured keynote speakers Dr. Moncrieff Cochran of Cornell University who discussed early care and education and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius who remarked on the importance of advocacy.



Dr. Moncrieff Cochran is the program director of the Cornell Early Childhood Program at Cornell University where he uses the findings from his research and the work of others to develop empowerment-oriented early care and education and family-support programs.

A variety of topics ranging from brain development research to oral health to grant writing were covered in the 27 workshops offered, including workshops presented by Dawn McGlasson, Oral Health; and Sue Bowden, Immunization.

Approximately 160 advocates and elected officials took the opportunity to meet and discuss

children's issues during breakfast at the fourth annual Legislative Reception hosted by the Kansas Children's Campaign.

Child Advocacy Day is a collaborative effort of 25 organizations including sponsorship by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, and Kansas SAFE KIDS.